

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is intended to perform a  
mounting/dismounting or replacement of a print head  
5 and ink tank mounted on the carriage without  
contaminating a print medium including a tray when  
performing an ink jet printing using the tray. For  
this purpose, the tray guide that supports the tray so  
that it can be fed is removably mounted to the  
10 printing apparatus. Whether this tray guide is  
mounted to the printing apparatus is detected by the  
tray guide sensor. According to a result of detection  
by this tray guide sensor, the control unit for  
controlling the driving of the carriage controls the  
15 position of the carriage in the main scan direction.